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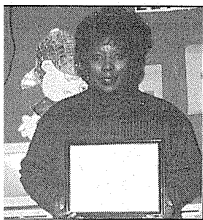
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Anthony Bowen Teacher Receives State Finalist for Presidential Award in Excellence in Mathematics Teaching



Ms. Brenda Ward Thomas

Ms. Brenda Ward Thomas was recently selected as an Awardee for the District of Columbia by the National Science Foundation (NSF) State Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics and Science. This award is special in that it recognizes her dedication, talents and superior teaching.

This award is part of the NSF's Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics teaching (AESMT) program. The State Award makes her eligible for consideration for the national competition.

The National Awardees will be announced by the White House in the Fall. If chosen as the National Presidential Awardee, her school will receive a cash award of \$7,500 to be spent under Mrs. Thomas's direction for the improvement of the school's mathematics and science programs. National Awardees will spend a week long celebration during the spring of next year in Washington, DC. The President will honor, with a plaque, awardees during a special ceremony at the White House.

As a State Awardee, she received a cash award and recognition during a special ceremony. During the ceremony, each awardee was presented a plaque. Guests were entertained with a slide presentation featuring each finalist.

The national awards are given to those who have shown leadership and have improved significantly

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Featured Speaker at SWNA Meeting

Mr. Anthony A.

Williams

Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia

by Jeanne MacKenzie, Secretary of SWNA

Mr. Anthony A. Williams, Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, was introduced. He described some of the reasons the District is in the financial state in which it now finds itself and the steps which must be taken in order to extricate itself and again become financially viable. The cash crisis, budget crisis, and the deficit crises require: a business plan which will lead to recovery, better accounting methods, budget reconciliation, a conservative approach to financial management, paying less for debt service, and the U.S. Government paying its fair share after the District is able to show its better management. He outlined the elements of competition to renew cities: reconfiguration of the tax structure along with economic development; good schools; public safety; quality of life; and concentration and focus on priorities. Marc Weiss moderated a question period

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SWNA Christmas Party

Again, we want to thank Jenny's Rest. for being so hospitable and providing us with such nice decorations. There were over 200 people at the party. They ranged in age, from one year to "senior citizens." It was great having so many Southwest children there.

We all enjoyed the wonderful food. A special thanks to the SW restaurants and neighbors who provided such a great spread. Smithson's Restaurant at Holiday Inn Capitol donated a large tray of food, Sunny's provided us with Chinese food (in addition to the room) and Captain White's at the Fish Market, donated a huge mound of shrimp. This is the second year that the owners, Billy and Sunny, have made this tradition.

It would have been a "Silent Night" if it hadn't been for Walter & Charlotte Brooks. They brought the music and Charlotte led everybody in a spirited carol.

A special thank you goes to Mary Ann Bailer who added the Christmas Party Committee for SWNA. December 12th was a great night.

Notes from Congress —

Eleanor Holmes Norton

In November, an appointed Financial Authority (control board) eliminated the powers of the school board shortly after several reformers were elected. Home rule paid a terrible price, but the school system will probably improve. Is this the only way to give residents the decent services they deserve? Who in America can be comfortable with such a trade-off? What have we learned from the experience? How can all involved do better?

If self government in this city is to go, the school board was an inviting target. While congress has had little to say about most services, the schools got intense attention and criticism from Congress all year. During the recent elections, the school board had virtually no defenders in any quarter of the city. The board was so paralyzed that ultimately it split into two factions, and the school board became the poster child for those who decry home rule as a failure.

All the District's elected officials should join me in asking ourselves the same question: what can be done to keep the home rule crisis from spreading to the rest of the government? The answer is not hard to find: start treating the city's condition as an emergency. Unless the District is fixed far more rapidly with a much more energetic and cooperative council/mayor/control board partnership, no one can predict what will happen.

With children's safety and education so long at risk, the time was overdue for "children first," the phrase often used by the new superintendent, General Julius Becton. The great pity is that the Authority could have guaranteed that children would be first without doing such serious damage to democratic ideals.

The D.C. Code authorizes the school board "to delegate any of its authority to the superintendent."

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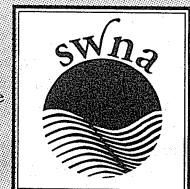
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SWNA Meeting

The January meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA will be on Monday, January 27th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St.s at 7:00 p.m. The topic of the evening will be "How to keep Healthy in Southwest." The Neighborhood Health Centers now come under D.C. General Hospital which comes under the Public Benefits Corporation.



Letter from the Editor

There have been many favorable remarks about "the new look" of the Southwester. But, we are finding that to keep pace with these new additions such as the use of color, a desktop publisher, and an enhanced distribution system, we need help from our neighbors. Our advertising revenue and a grant which we were awarded years ago from Portals are just not enough.

Many of you might have things which you want to sell, have services to provide or are looking for that special object. Don't forget that the Southwester has Classified Ads - 15 words for \$5.00. If you want to advertise through a display ad, the cost is \$14.00 an inch. It must be camera-ready and we ask that you pay in advance. Call 488-3355 for more info.

We are excited to announce that we are going to enlarge our field of advertisers. Formerly, our primary focus was on Southwest businesses. Starting in the next issue, we will include ads from all over the city. If you would like to advertise your business, call the above number.

We would like to ask our readers if they can make a contribution to keep this free community paper free. The paper has been delivered free to the people of Southwest for over thirty years.

But, the increases of printing and distributing a newspaper as well as the new expenses which I have listed below, make it necessary to turn to you for help. All checks can be sent to the Southwester Post Office Box #70131, Washington, D.C. 20024. They should be made payable to the S.W. Community Council. Thanks for your help. All contributors will be acknowledged in the paper and contributions are tax-deductible.

Carole G. Early

Budget for Southwester

Printing Bill	\$1200 each month
Distribution	\$300 each month
Desktop Publisher	\$280 each month
Business Intern	\$10 per hr.
Journalism Intern	\$10 per hr.
Misc.	\$10 each month
(prorated cost of POB, stamps, invoices)	

Each issue costs an average of \$2,000.00

Plans to lower the printing bill are underway. In the future, we will try to print 8 page issues and have only one intern.

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Anthony Williams

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during which a broad range of questions was entertained. In response to questions about Syphax School, Mr. Williams affirmed having economic development plans or enterprise zones for the areas of the city. He also reported that Congress has given the Mayor 90 days to come up with a plan for school disposition. Disposition of the properties must be consistent with community needs.

President Rice thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation and offered a certificate of appreciation which granted him membership in the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, I would like to print a poem by Margaret Oliver entitled

"Why the Colors of the World."

Why the Colors of the World

Regardless of where

In the color spectrum we fall
When it comes to human beings
The Good Lord painted us all

But how did He choose
Each color for each race
Specifically, how did He select my color
When He put the brush to my face

Did He take all the colors
That He wanted people to be
Throw them up in the air
To fall on forerunners of you and me

Did He touch the spot on His body
That was the color He chose for me
Then touch me with that color
Is that how all the variety came to be

After He had created the first bodies of the people
And they were all exactly the same
Did He then decide to make some differences
Is that when the colors came

Since they were to be in God's image
With all the colors that He had
Did He decide that people of different colors
Was an idea not half bad

Was each body carefully colored
By a touch of the Master's hand
Then dispatched to a location
Where it would populate the land

You can come up with a hundred explanations
For how all the differences came to be
For how you got to be as you are
For how I got to be me

One thing is for sure

Regardless of where

In the color spectrum we fall
When it comes to human beings
The Good Lord painted us all



Dottie Albera

Dottie Albera died Tuesday, December 10. She and her husband Dick were long-time residents of Capital Park in Southwest.

For ten years she was advertising manager of the Southwester. To that volunteer job she brought hard work and efficient business practices. She stressed with advertisers the community values of a neighborhood newspaper.

She brought prosperity to the Southwester, permitting payment for some door-to-door deliveries and the use of many pictures of community and school activities and people.

Dottie was a volunteer reader for recorded books for blind persons. She enjoyed playing bridge. She and her husband attended Christ United Methodist Church in Southwest.

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SWer Dottie Albera

Former Advertising
Manager For The
Southwester

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(January - February 1997)

Jan. 23 Thursday: NARFE Chapter 2052
(Place and time TBD, contact:
C. Reynolds, 488-8384

Jan 25 Saturday: Black History Scholar,
Christy Matthews will speak at
Southeastern University, 501 I St., SW
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Jan 27 Monday: Southwest Neighborhood
Assembly, 7:00 p.m., St. Matthews
Lutheran Church, 222 M St., SW

Feb. 3 Monday: Southwest Neighborhood
Assembly Executive Board, 6:30 p.m. at
Southeastern University, 501 I St., SW

Feb. 4 Tuesday: First District MPD Citizens
Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m.,
1D Headquarters, 415 4th St., SW

Feb. 10 Monday: Advisory Neighborhood
Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster
Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

Feb. 19 Wednesday: AARP SW Waterfront
Chapter #4751, noon, St. Matthews
Lutheran Church, 222M St., SW

Please submit calendar items to C. Hargrave
(202) 554-8284

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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:

to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich an equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

Disclaimer

I heard from many of you who received an issue from the S.W. Distribution Company. The Christmas newsletter entitled, The Southwester should not be confused with this neighborhood paper of the same name. This is the second year that the distribution company has issued a bulletin by this name.

Amidon PTA Officers

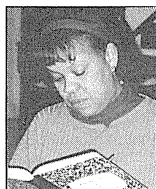
Officers of the Amidon PTA include:



Jell Dobbins,
President

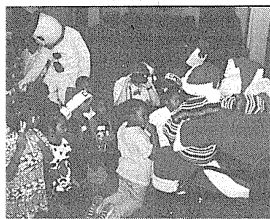


(l to r) Kim Berry, corresponding secretary, K.G. Kwazi Holman, parliamentarian, Vernice Hugley, Treasurer



Geraldine Hopkins,
recording secretary

Christmas Party



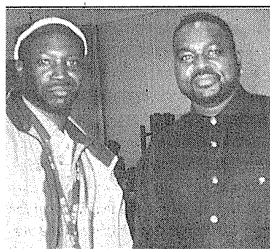
The two pictures were taken at the annual Christmas party given by the US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers' Association for 25 children involved with the Southwest Community House. Present were Santa Claus and Frosty. The children, in addition to receiving a present from Santa, got their picture taken with Santa and they also got a Christmas decoration painted on their face. It was a beautiful party enjoyed by all the children

Santa & Frosty at the 1996 Christmas Party sponsored by US Coast Guard for SW children involved with Southwest Community House

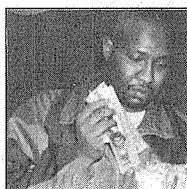
Toys For Tots Given To Southwest Kids

389 Southwest kids got holiday presents from Toys for Tots, thanks to many hours of hard work by Southwest adults and teenagers. Toys had to be unloaded from the Marine Corps trucks at the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club headquarters and loaded into the Club #4 van and stored at Club 4 until Sat. Dec. 21st.

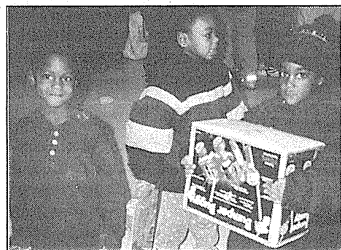
Teenage youth coordinators sponsored by the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force did a lot of the work. Alvin Hudgens, director of Club 4 organized and supervised the whole show. Hot dogs, chips and sodas were served at the club before the toys were given out. Donald (Disco) Covington brought his disco equipment to the club and with his cousin Buck Covington, MCed the entertainment. Hudgens gives special thanks to the Southwest Community House and the ATF for their donations to the program.



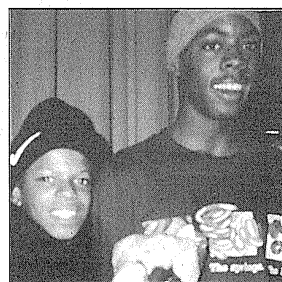
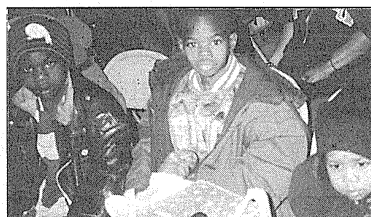
Buck Covington, left, and Donald (Disco) Covington provided the musical program. (picture 3)



Alvin Hudgens organized and supervised the Club #4 Toys For Tots program.



Southwest children with their Toys for Tots. (pictures 1 & 2)



D'Aunte Toney, left, and Marcus Coleman helped Club #4 with the Toys For Tots program (picture 4)

Presidential Award

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students' math and science skills. Mrs. Thomas has demonstrated these qualities in an exemplary manner.

Some of her recent accomplishments include creating and implementing a school-wide program for her students titled "AT LAST" acronym for "Activities that Stimulate Thinking and Lessen Anxiety". This project, consisting of motivating and high level thinking "hands-on" activities, made her a recipient of The Washington Post Grants in Education. As a recipient, she received funding to implement her program. She also planned and co-sponsored the school's first annual Mathematics, Science, and Technology Carnival. This big event included students, teachers, parents and community support personnel from around the area. In addition, she has exposed her students to numerous city-wide events and competitions such as 24 Challenge, AJHSME (American Junior High Mathematics Exam), Math-A-Thon, and the Maryland Mathematics League contest. She also implemented the only Elementary SECME Pilot Program in DCPS and initiated a Pre-Algebra program for intermediate students displaying math proficiency.

Despite her many activities, she finds time to attend professional conferences. During her attendance at the national Conference for Teachers of Mathematics last spring in San Diego, she visited the game show, "The Price is Right". She was chosen as a contestant and used her math skills to win four great prizes. This feat brought pride to her students as they watched the taped version. Mrs. Thomas was unable to watch it with them because she was off on a field trip with a group of the students at Kings Dominion Math, Science Day.

Along with this award, she was a candidate for Teacher of the Year for 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Mrs. Thomas serves as a Mathematics Resource Teacher at Anthony Bowen Elementary School. She loves teaching and feels that her successful career is due in part to the support she receives from her principal, Ms. Rosalie Huff, and the wonderful students and staff.

Safeway and Giant Receipts

Hard to believe, the deadline for the Safeway Tapes to be turned into the library (actually, the SWNA box on the circulation desk) is Saturday, January 18th. That means that everyone who shops at Safeway & has been saving tapes for the schools in SW has until this weekend to take them to the Library. Once there, they will be counted by Charles Szoradi and SWNA (the Assembly) will distribute them to the schools.

The deadline for the Giant Tapes is Saturday, March 27th. So all of you "Giant Shoppers", you have more than two months!

If you have any questions, call Charles at 488-1557.

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Holiday Inn — A Good Neighbor

Dean Wilhelm, the General Manager at the Holiday Inn Capitol, has been at his present job for nearly 13 years. He is the former Chairman of the Washington, DC Convention & Visitors Association. From 1990 to 1993 he was Chairman of the Hotel Association of Washington, DC.

In his many years of working here, he has seen many changes here in Southwest. The hotel at 550 C St., SW has just had an extensive remodeling job. A \$7,000,000 renovation was just completed on 529 guest rooms, meeting rooms, dining room, lobby, Lobby Bar and Shuttle Express Deli.

The hotel is proud to be one block from the National Air and Space Museum and the hotel does its best to keep the connecting street cleaned up. The area which they are "responsible for" is 6th Street SW from Maryland Avenue to Virginia Avenue and C St. from 4th to 6th Streets. They also try to keep Virginia Avenue from 4th to 7th as clean as possible.

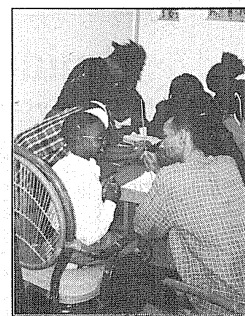
He is not alone in this effort. Dean has seen a tremendous increase as other business owners have begun to take an active role in keeping the neighborhood clean. No doubt, this was brought on by the decrease in the D.C. Government's street cleaning efforts. Their neighbor, Trammel Crow Company, which runs the building at 4th & Virginia Ave., pres-

sure washed the railroad bridges on both 4th and 7th Streets this fall and Virginia Avenue from 4th to 6th Streets and much of 4th building at Virginia Ave.

After being here so long, the manager feels that Southwest is a little town. People from out-of-town like the idea of being in a community so close to the Mall and to all of the sights that Washington offers, not to mention the safety of Southwest.

The hotel caters to business people during the week and tourists on the weekends and during the summer. Their location helps them to have one of the highest occupancy rates in Washington, DC.

Since the hotel is located away from the Center of Southwest, their community participation is often overlooked by many of us who live here. Nevertheless, they are active participants. For years the hotel has hosted the First District Police Christmas Party for children of the area. The hotel catered a tray of food for the SWNA Christmas Party. They offer reduced rates for rooms during snowstorms for the police of the First District, to ensure that our police are taken care of and on duty. They have been advertising in St. Dominic's bulletin for many years and they advertised in The Southwester in the December Issue. And, every time Dean speaks of his hotel, he always introduces it as Holiday Inn Capitol, in Beautiful Southwest Washington.



AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAMS

By Rick Bardach

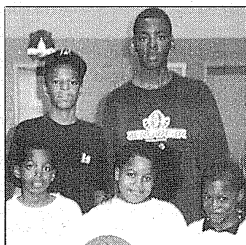
The Southwest Community House has recently expanded a tutoring program it has been operating since March, 1996. The program was initiated by Emma Ward, who lives in the 1200 block of Carrollburg Place SW. As a board member of the Southwest Community House, she encouraged the House to develop a program. The program met twice a week, on Tuesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Over a dozen elementary school-age children became involved, tutored by four individuals, Emma Ward, Bill Smith, Charles "Jitter" Banks (all of whom live on Carrollburg Place) and Rick Bardach, Director of the Southwest Community House.

The effort continued throughout the summer at a reduced level (Tuesday evenings only). Then the study center began again in October with the same schedule of two sessions weekly, again lead totally by volunteers.

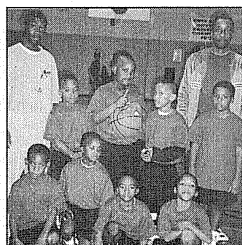
As of the beginning of December, the program has expanded to four evenings per week, Monday through Thursday, from 5-7 p.m. The Southwest House has hired a teacher, Mr. Marvin Banks, to run the program

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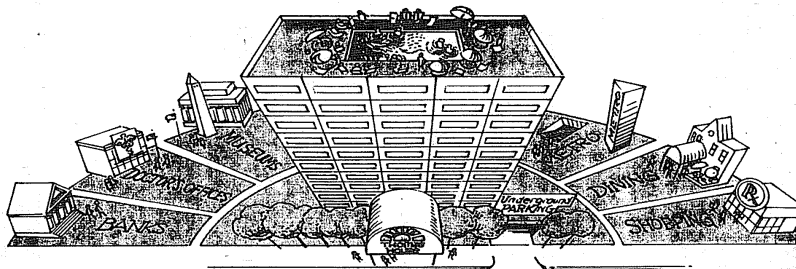
Super Pee-Wee Basketball Players



Some of the "Super Peewee" basketball players in the championship game at Club #4, with their coaches.



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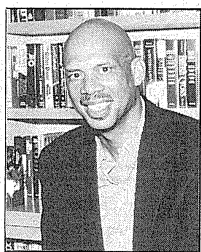


Schedule of Upcoming Events at the Library

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm; Financial Investment Group -discussion on how to invest.
 Every Saturday, 1-4 pm; Writer's Workshop, "Learn How to Write Poetry, Stories, Articles for pleasure."
 Every Thursday, 1:30 - 5:00 pm; Child Care Group II, Orientation for Childcare Workers.

Library Hours

M,W,Th, S 10-5:30
 Tu 1-9
 Fr Closed
 Su Closed



BOOK REVIEW

by Wallace Babington

BLACK PROFILES IN COURAGE

by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

There is a deluge of information in all types of

media about the accomplishments of black sports figures and entertainers. However, accounts of the significant contributions of African-Americans in other fields are not readily available in any form. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar seeks to remedy that situation with the publication of his new book, "Black Profiles in Courage - A Legacy of African-American Achievement." And his remedy is a welcome addition to the field of inspirational reading that is both accessible and well written. Abdul-Jabbar's comment provides an explicit rationale for the book: "It's especially important for young blacks to understand how their ancestors contributed to making this country great in order to understand their own worth and power."

This collection of brief biographies of African-Americans who have made outstanding contributions to our national life provides a basic course in American history that goes beyond the standard history texts. The individuals profiled in the text range from the obscure to the famous. All are presented in a readable, entertaining style. Some of the persons profiled are Estevanico, Crispus Attucks, Joseph Cinque, Frederick Douglass and Rosa Parks.

A copy of Black Profiles in Courage is available at our Southwest Branch Library.

College Fair at Second Baptist Church

by Vernice Howard

The Second Baptist Church Scholarship Committee presented a "mini" college fair at the Southwest Library on Tuesday, November 12, 1996 from 5-8 pm.

The committee was quite pleased with the results. Parents and students responded well and the students participated in the door drawings. Five door prizes were given.

About twenty colleges and institutions were represented and the representatives were quite enthusiastic. There were five financial institutions present. They were: 1. Saving Funds for College (Money Market), 2. Scholarship Services (Searching for Scholarships), 3. Savings Bank (Guaranteed Student Loan), 4. Southwest Neighborhood Scholarship, 5. U.S. Department of Education Student Financial Services.

The Librarian and her staff were quite gracious.



Elvie Lou Luetge, Delta Chapter President, presents gift to guest speaker, Dr. JoLeta Reynolds.

State Professional Honorary Organization Meets in Southwest

by Carol Kreidler

A festive atmosphere greeted the members of Nu State of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at their annual Holiday Luncheon at Pier 7 on December 7, 1996. The President, Emma Jane Mitchell, presided, reviewing accomplishments since the International Convention. Her President's pin was presented by former President Diane Robinson.

The guest speaker, Dr. JoLeta Reynolds, Assistant to the Director, Office of Special Education, US Department of Education, discussed the process of reauthorization of the two bills introduced in the last Congress. She detailed what the bills had in common. Some of the things she listed were: access to the general curriculum, assessment of abilities, accommodation in the Individual Evaluation Program (IEP), the classroom as part of the IEP process; parent involvement, and reporting to parents at regular reporting times. Dr. Reynolds resides in Southwest.

Nu State members who live in the Southwest are Beatrice Gilkes, Adelena Maddox, Emma Jane Mitchell, Barbara Murray, Louise Read, and Margie Thomas.

Making a Difference

The Community Service Guild, an award winning, volunteer organization which has logged over 100,000 hours in teaching DC school children how to read, is looking for more volunteers.

The Guild ensures success by training its tutors and by requiring them to commit to tutor a single child for a few hours each Saturday during the school year. As part of its formula for success, the group also monitors each tutor's performance and the progress of the children in the program.

To quality, all you have to do is attend a FREE one-day tutor training class on either January 25 or February 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both classes will be given at the Assumption School at 220 Highview Place, SE in Washington. To reserve your place or for more information, call: 202/62-TUTOR.

United Way Campaign Most Successful Ever

Washington, DC - The United Way of the National Capital Area wrapped up its three months of fundraising today with a record-breaking final result of \$76,019,878. Over 70,000 local volunteers put forth an effort in these past few weeks that is unmatched in the history of the United Way Campaign.

"The Campaign has been successful because of committed people who have tirelessly pursued the common goal of helping others," said William M. Freeman, General Campaign Chairman, and President and CEO of Bell Atlantic-Washington, D.C., Inc. "We have met the challenge together."

More than 850 agencies and nine Community Services Funds will benefit from the United Way Campaign this year. Contributions to the Campaign give thousands of area residents new hope by providing for basic needs, strengthening families, caring for the elderly, creating opportunities for the physically and emotionally challenged and building a drug-free future.

"Because of the efforts of thousands of volunteers and the generosity of residents throughout the National Capital Area, countless people will be helped," said Freeman. "All total, that's one of every three metro area residents - your family, friends, and neighbors."

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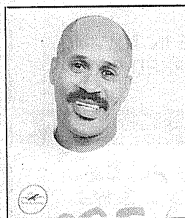
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Black History Scholar, Christy Matthews will be at Southeastern University, 501 I St., SW on Saturday, January 25th from 11:30 till 12:30.

Southeastern invites its Southwest neighbors to come to a free lecture on African-American culture. Anyone who is interested in the contributions which people of African descent have made to American civilization should come to hear Christy Matthews. She is the director of African-American Programs for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Matthews has collected interesting facts that will educate and inspire everyone. This is a program not-to-be-missed. For information about this program, call 488-8162, ext. 251.



Take Your Best Shot

Wallace Babington

Spencer "Spinny" Johnson advises kids to take their best shot and just say "No". He is the star attraction next month at a National Theater's Saturday Morning Program. As a basketball performer, Spinny is an acknowledged expert on trick shot artistry. His program at the National includes displays of his skill and dexterity and fast action tricks. And the children get a chance to step up and join him! But there is more than fun and games to Spinny: he also provides lessons in respect, goal-setting and self-confidence.

Saturday Morning at the National, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, February 22, 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock. Admission is free. The program is best appreciated by audiences age 4 and older.

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Great Deals From Phillips in January

Looking for a real deal in January when those holiday bills are piling up. Phillips Seafood Restaurants announces their Double Stamp January promotion. As a participating guest in Phillips Frequent Diner Program, guests will receive credit for two meals purchased for each visit during January. The ongoing Phillips Frequent Diner program enables guests to earn a free entree or buffet after the purchase of five. In January, however, each entree/buffet purchased will be worth two stamps on the frequent diner card. Guests present their frequent diner cards to their server each time they dine. Guests need only visit Phillips three times, instead of five, to receive a free entree/buffet.

Farewell to Tom D'Amato, General Manager of Spirit Cruises and President of the Washington Waterfront Association and a Hello to the new Installation Coordinator at Ft. McNair - Carlton Freeze.

Church To Install New Pastor

Members and friends of the Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Avenue SW, will celebrate another milestone at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 1997, when they witness the installation of Reverend Dr. G. Martin Young as their pastor. He assumed his duties at Friendship Baptist Church in August of last year.

Dr. Young is a native of East Saint Louis, Illinois. He is new to Washington, DC. He accepted Christ at the age of nineteen. He later acknowledged his Call to the gospel ministry and preached his trial sermon in January 1984 at the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Heeding his call to the ministry and feeling the need to prepare himself after graduating from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville with a B.S. degree in Speech Communications, he entered the Interdenominational Theological Center (Morehouse School of Religion) in Atlanta, Georgia. In May of 1987, he received his Master of Divinity degree in Pastoral Care and Christian Education. After completing studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center and returning to Mt. Zion, he was ordained to the gospel ministry in June 1987. In 1992 he entered the doctoral program at the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. A Doctor of Ministry Degree in Afrocentric Pastoring and Preaching was conferred on him in May 1994.

Dr. Young has written a book entitled, "The Religion of the Other Side: The Black Church Called to Evangelism." Another book, "In the Hands of the Savior" will be published in April 1997. Dr. Young is also an instructor in the local Congress of Christian Education, writer of Sunday School literature, and was a professor of Evangelism/Mission at the Union Baptist Seminary in New Orleans.

His experience in ministry is vast and varied. Dr. Young was a full-time Minister of Youth and Minister of Christian Education of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond Heights, Missouri, where he served for one and one-half years. He served as full-time pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Clarksville, Tennessee, where he served for three and one-half years. Before being called to pastor Friendship Baptist Church, Dr. Young was the pastor of Tulane Memorial Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Since August, Dr. Young has established many ministries at Friendship Baptist Church - namely, SWAT (Soul Winning Action Team), Prison, Aids, Feed the Hungry, Clothes Closet, and a Skills Resource Center. He is continuously studying Friendship Baptist Church's present situation and will build upon what is in place and work to take the church to a new millennium. As time moves on, he envisions a variety of ministries that will be put into place to benefit his congregation and the surrounding community.

He is optimistic about Friendship Baptist Church's future and feels that by working together, the church will be ready for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Dr. Young is married to the former Lisa Michele McCree of Webster Grove, Missouri. They have two daughters - Jouelle and Jillian.

Dr. R. L. White of Mt. Epharim Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, will be the preacher for the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday and Dr. John Rouse of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East Saint Louis, IL, will be the preacher for the 3:00 p.m. afternoon service. The public is cordially invited to attend this important milestone in the life of Friendship Baptist Church. Call (202) 488-7417.

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Purchase your pass at Metro sales offices at Metro Center, 12th and F Streets, NW; Metro Headquarters at 600 Fifth Street, NW; the Pentagon; most area Giant and Safeway stores; and transit stores at Crystal City, Rosslyn, and White Flint. The Inaugural Pass will not be available in farecard machines.

You can even buy the Inaugural \$50 One Day Pass through TicketMaster at (202)-432-SEAT. Cash, travelers checks, VISA or MasterCard are accepted at Metro sales offices.

"Messiest Desk Contest"

NAPO Announces "Messiest Desk Contest" in Honor of National Clean Off Your Desk Day (January 13, 1997)!

Washington, D.C. - There's a "messiest desk" in every office and help may be on the way! The sponsor of the Annual Messiest Desk Contest, the local chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), is now accepting entries through January 31, 1997. The winner will be announced on February 5, 1997.

The lucky winner will receive a total desk makeover by a professional organizer and member of the local NAPO Chapter. Last year's winners were delighted by the transformation that took place as they worked with professional organizers to bring order and clarity to what once was a chaotic mess! The rules are simple. Entrants must live in the metropolitan Washington, DC/Baltimore area. They must submit a 4x6 photo of their desks (a "real" desk, nothing made for the occasion) with the following information on the back: name, company, address, and telephone number. Desks may be the entrants' own or that of a colleague with his/her permission. Entrants must allow before/after pictures and pictures of the makeover process. All contest entries must be received no later than January 31, 1997. Please send your entry to: Messiest Desk Contest - NAPO/GWBC, 4410 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 260, Washington, DC 20016.

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAMS

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Thanks to the generosity of a new southwest neighbor, the Psychological Support Services Institute (PSSI), the program meets in their office, located at 1215 South Capitol Street, SW. The center will serve two dozen children, all elementary school students. Each Youth will come twice a week, so only one dozen youth will be present each evening.

Another after school study center is being started by the Riverside Baptist Church in January. The study sessions will be held in the basement of the church, located at 7th and I Streets, SW, each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The coordinator for this program is Jeannie Meece, and she can be reached at 484-4931.

The Southwest House appeals to adult or young adult Southwesterners to volunteer as tutors for either of these programs. One night a week (two hours only) would be tremendous, as long as you like to work with children and you are reliable. If interested, please call Rick Bardach at 488-7210. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE and we can make a difference if we work together!!!

METRO PREPARES FOR SNOW SEASON

Metro announced today that it will adopt the Five-Penguin Alert System for reporting information on levels of service to the public during inclement winter weather. The Five-Penguin System, which was introduced by the Metropolitan Washington Area Council of Governments (COG), will help area residents understand street clearing and transit system schedules under various winter storm conditions.

Metro was part of a coordinated effort involving several area organizations to assist COG with developing the Penguin System.

Notes from Congress

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Using a contract vehicle, the school board could - and would - have authorized Franklin Smith to be bought out, General Becton to be appointed, and control of the school system to be delegated to him. To accommodate the control board's blue ribbon panel idea, a presidential commission, yet to be appointed included in the FY 1996 Omnibus Appropriations Bill by Senator Jim Jeffords, could have served that purpose.

Since existing law offered a way to avoid a precedent few could truly desire, I met with the school board and found the members willing to accept these suggestions. They were offered to Dr. Brimmer during a meeting with D.C. Subcommittee Chair Tom Davis and me and subsequently spelled out in a letter from me to the Authority. It is clear that these ideas were never seriously considered.

"Children first" would have been achieved as much by these suggestions as by the invasion of home rule! What would have been avoided was more than worth it: the present pending court suit where the court has indicated that important questions are raised; the first precedent in the country's history where the powers of a democratically elected school board have been summarily eliminated and another board appointed in its place; the first time that the results of a school board election have been simply canceled without direct authority; and the first serious blow to self government in its 22 years of existence here.

It's easy enough to blame it on the school board - and I do. However, I fought to get five D.C. residents on the control board because I thought that residents would think long and hard - and innovatively (INNOVATIVE IS NOT AN ADVERB) - before needlessly setting aside the city's fragile home rule.

This must be the last such violation. Even after the school board precedent, the initiative still lies with the Mayor and City Council.

Those on the Council who saw just desserts in what happened to the school board should not be so quick. If my home rule struggle on the Hill to "Let D.C. do it" is to be credible, the Mayor and the City Council need to heed the maxim, "Physician Heal Thyself" - and to do it much more rapidly.

D.C. Students at the Capitol. People come from across the nation and from throughout the world to see the Capitol and the other monuments. Yet many Washingtonians, including children, live a Metro ride away and have never seen the nation's governing process in operation. I have started a new program to have every student visit the Capitol at least once before graduation.

Principals will enroll their schools in D.C. Students at the Capitol(DCSC) and encourage teachers to bring their classes to the Capitol. I will meet personally with them and arrange for a tour of the Capitol and time to watch debate in the House and Senate. We will arrange for classes to attend a hearing if desired. Adult groups are also welcome to participate in this program. If 20 million visitors annually come to see what the nation's capital has to offer, no child or adult resident should miss any of it.

Metro advises passengers to tune into their local radio or TV stations for the latest update on Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess travel. Passengers can also call ridership information at 202-637-7000 or TDD 202-638-6780; 6:00 am to 10:30 pm weekdays and 8:00 am to 10:30 pm weekends. Information will also be available on Metro's home page at WWW.WMATA.COM.

MetroAccess, the curb-to-curb paratransit service for persons with disabilities who are unable to use Metrobus, Metrorail, or fixed-route local service, can be reached on 301-588-8181 or TDD 301-588-8186 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm weekends and holidays.

PARADE OF LIGHTS ON THE CHANNEL

Seventeen boats, all brightly lighted for the holiday season, paraded up and down the Channel on the evening of Saturday, December 14. The boats came not only from the local Gangplank and Capital Yacht Club marinas, but also from other clubs located farther down the Potomac River.

As is customary, the businesses along the waterfront contributed a host of prizes to the best decorated boats, and Washington Waterfront Association added \$1000 in cash. The first prize winner was a sailboat named OHO, berthed at Gangplank and owned by Steve and Laura Stanforth. The Stanfords, reminded of the Christmas carol, "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In," decided to attach their two dinghies and light them as a mini-parade of three vessels.

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Southwest Welcomes New Librarian

The Southwest Library has a new adult/young adult librarian, Greig Means. When asked in an interview what plans he had for the branch he replied, "to turn the new book section into a popular book section and make it more a leisurely and relaxing place to read." Means also plans to assist Ms. Winborne, branch manager, with a book club for the school-age children who come into the library after school. There are also future plans for a computer laboratory.

Means is a 25 year-old Jacksonville, Florida native with a master's in Library Science from Florida State and a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University. While doing work study in the library in undergraduate school he realized that he loved working there more than studying the arts and decided to go on to Graduate school for Library Science. "I love to tell people I'm a librarian, I feel so useful and not a day goes by that I don't help someone and that makes me feel good," says Means about his love of helping the people who come into the library.

Corcoran Gallery of Art

David C. Levy, President and Director of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, announced that the Corcoran is the inaugural venue for *Jewels of the Romanovs: Treasures from the Russian Imperial Court*, a spectacular exhibition of jewels, costumes, paintings, icons, and religious artifacts celebrating the Romanov Dynasty from the 18th Century to the dynasty's end in 1917. *Jewels of the Romanovs* is on view at the Corcoran Gallery of Art from January 29 to April 13, 1997, and marks the first time such an extensive selection of the state jewels has left Russia.

The exhibition will feature approximately 250 objects from five major Russian collections with the extraordinary Russian State Jewels as the centerpiece of the presentation. Consisting of more than 115 jewels and uncut gems, this selection--part of the collection of the State Diamond Fund--is normally kept in a limited-access museum beneath the Kremlin Armory. However, as a major cultural exchange project of the American-Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation, the Russian government has allowed these priceless national treasures to travel to the United States for the first time in history.

Tickets for *Jewels of the Romanovs* are available beginning January 15. Regular admission is \$9. Admission for full-time students and senior citizens is

\$7. Children under five years old may enter at no charge. Advance tickets are available through Ticket Master by calling (202) 432-seat, (410) 481-seat, or (703) 573-SEAT. Same-day tickets are available at the Corcoran.

The Corcoran Gallery of Art is located at New York Avenue and Seventeenth Street, NW, in Washington, D.C., and is open every day, except Tuesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The public information line is (202) 639-1700.

PEPCO President Describes How Pending Merger Will Benefit Customers

"Over the next ten years, electric utility customers of the District of Columbia will get their fair share of the billion-dollar savings that our new Constellation Energy Corporation will achieve in the merger of PEPCO and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company," said John M. Derrick, Jr., President of PEPCO.

Derrick explained that eliminating duplication between the two regional energy companies would foster lower costs to customers and more efficient operations than either company could attain alone. By consolidating such departments as legal, billing, and purchasing PEPCO estimates savings of \$1.3 billion over a 10-year period. Immediate benefits to customers include: a freeze on base electric rates until 2000; a multi-million dollar array of annual economic development incentives for the region; new and expanded multi-million dollar programs for low-income customers annually; continued strong commitment to employment diversity and minority purchasing programs; credits to reduce all customers' bills, if Constellation Energy achieves certain predetermined financial targets.

"If the merger fails to occur," said Derrick, "PEPCO and BGE as mid-size companies would have to seek rate increases and would be too small to compete effectively with large companies such as Dominion Resources (Virginia Power) and PECO Energy in Philadelphia. We would also be vulnerable to takeovers by more distant companies that have no ties or loyalties to this region."

He added, "Constellation Energy would still be regulated by local regulatory bodies, continue to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in local taxes and continue the commitment to provide reliable, low-cost electricity."

To encourage new businesses to locate in its service area and to encourage existing businesses to expand, Constellation proposes to implement a special rate discount to qualified companies in the District of Columbia, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties that add at least five new employees. In addition, Constellation proposes to offer small commercial customers a budget billing plan, to increase the level of funding for various community development corporations and to establish grant programs to assist Maryland and the District of Columbia governments in their efforts to attract new businesses.

Constellation proposes to expand and increase the current initiatives for low-income customers, including the Residential Aid Discount rate. The new company would increase funding for the Washington Area Fuel Fund and institute a new grant program to supplement the Mayor's Emergency Assistance Fund.

The merger was originally announced September 25, 1995. The companies expect to obtain all necessary approvals and complete the merger by the end of the first quarter of 1997.

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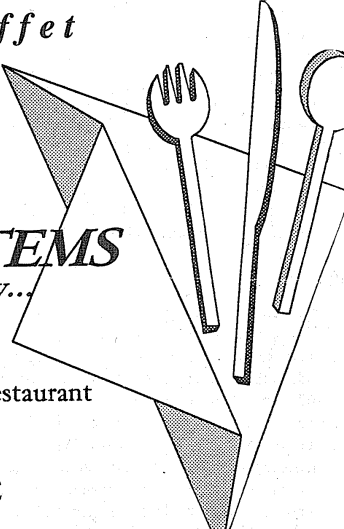
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